

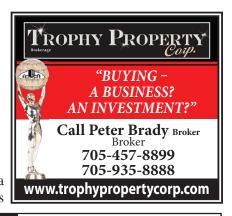
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Uplifting evening

Jeff Cattell hands out balloons to attendees of the Santa Claus Parade on Friday night. The colourful balloons helped get people in the spirit as they waited for the parade to begin. The evening started with a carol sing-along with Gord Kidd and Friends and tree lighting outside the Village Barn and continued to include the parade. The streets were packed with kids of all ages, who called out for candy and waved to passing floats, saving most of their energy for Santa, who arrived in his illuminated sleigh to finish the evening. See more photos on page 4. /JENN WATT Staff

Dysart plans for future of municipal landfills

JENN WATT

Editor

With landfills approaching capacity and costs increasing for recycling services, the environment and climate change committee has recommended to Dysart et al council that it develop a waste manage-

Rob Camelon, director of public works, told councillors at the committee's Nov. 20 meeting that decisions would need to be made about level of service and what to do when the landfills are closed.

The Haliburton landfill is set to become a transfer station, meaning all garbage

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Savage found guilty in Haliburton murder

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

William Savage has been found guilty of first-degree murder.

A trial for the Fenelon Falls man accused of killing Bowmanville resident David Palmer, whose remains were discovered in Haliburton in May 2016, began Sept. 23 in Lindsay. According to the Peterborough Examiner, jury deliberations began on Thursday, Nov. 22 with a verdict being returned just before 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 23.

Savage was 47 when he was charged with first degree murder on Oct. 26, 2016

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Pickup driver dies in 118 crash

One person is dead and another was airlifted to hospital in Toronto after a collision along Highway 118 near St. Peter's Road on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 20,

According to a release from the OPP, police were called to the scene of the crash at approximately 8 a.m. Four vehicles were involved, including a cement truck, two pickup trucks and an SUV. One of the pickup truck drivers was ejected, dying on scene, while the driver of the cement truck, which rolled into a ditch, was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

The highway was closed for a number of hours and the cause of the collision remains under investigation. The name of the deceased was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.



Highway 118 near St. Peter's Road was closed for a number of hours on Wednesday, Nov. 20, as police, firefighters and paramedics responded to a four-vehicle collision that left one person dead and another in hospital with serious injuries. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Dental program to help low-income seniors

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The provincial government is rolling out a new dental program for low-income seniors.

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program will provide free dental services for those 65 and older who meet its

According to a press release from the province, in addition to being a senior citizen, applicants must be residents of Ontario with an annual net income of \$19,300 or less for individuals, or \$32,300 or less for a couple. Also, they must not have any other form of dental benefits, including through private insurance or provincial

programs such as Ontario Works or ODSP. Coverage is yearly and will expire July 31 of each year, requiring applicants to renew annually.

Coverage includes checkups including scaling, polishing and fluoride; repairing cavities and broken teeth; X-rays; removal of teeth or abnormal tissue; anesthesia; treatment for infection and pain; and treatment for gum conditions and diseases.

Dentures and other dental prosthetics will be partially

Print copies of the application form will be available at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit office in Haliburton, or applications can be done online by visiting www.ontario.ca/SeniorsDental. Anyone with questions can call 416-916-0204 or toll free at

A social insurance number is required to register, and anyone without a SIN will require the assistance of a guarantor to register.

The program is to be delivered through health units or through partnerships with community health centres or Indigenous health centres. While this infrastructure doesn't exist in Haliburton County, the health unit is working with Volunteer Dental Outreach to facilitate

We are currently working with Volunteer Dental Outreach in Haliburton to have a service delivery option for eligible seniors in Haliburton," Pam Stuckless, director of health promotion for the HKPR Health Unit told the *Echo* in an email.

According to the health unit, there may be as many as 4,000 seniors in its jurisdiction eligible for the program.



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Dysart mayor, deputy mayor to meet with constituents

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy will host a town hall meeting in council chambers on Saturday, Nov. 30.

The meeting, which is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m., will include a review of the first year of the current council term, a discussion about future plans, and offer an opportunity for residents to ask questions and make suggestions for the municipality.

"We wanted to offer the opportunity for better communication between council and the public," Roberts said in an email to the *Echo*. "We get asked to attend lake association meetings but don't do anything like that in town. This will be a chance to give our first year in review, let the public know what things we have planned going forward, and then open the floor to questions. I'm hoping for a positive conversation, it's not meant to be specific to individual complaints. Obviously no decisions or promises will be made, but we are there to serve the people, so this meeting is for us to hear from the public.'

Roberts and Kennedy will be the only members of council speaking and taking questions at the meeting, although other members of council may be in attend-

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Bonilla Bishop rides wave of success in Mexico

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

While most Haliburton County residents are busy plowing out their driveways or bundling up in layers of winter gear, 14-year-old Moana Luna Bonilla Bishop is working her way toward her dream of becoming a professional surfer. With two wins at the Mexican National Surfing Games held at the beginning of this month, she's well on her way.

Moana Luna travels back and forth between Eagle Lake in Haliburton County and Southern Baja, Mexico throughout the year with her parents, Holly Bishop and Pablo Bonilla, and sisters Coral and

"My dad is a surfer," wrote Moana Luna in an email to the Echo of Pablo, who recently won his fifth Mexican National Longboard Surf Championship. "When we are in Mexico, we live at the beach so it was normal that I was in the ocean every day. My whole family surf together."

Moana Luna's family lives in a motorhome on the beach next to what Moana Luna described as a "nice surf break," where her dad is a surf coach (in Haliburton he teaches swim lessons in West Guilford) and her mom operates Gypsea's Lifestyle Boutique. They travel to different beaches at different times of the year, Moana Luna wrote, "depending on the swells.'

"Ever since I was a toddler I would be surfing with my dad on his board and playing on my own," she said. "As I've gotten older, I just started getting into it more and more, and made more friends that surf. It makes it more fun in the water with friends."

Moana Luna said she loves living at

Moana Luna Bonilla Bishop, who lives in Haliburton County and Southern Baja, Mexico throughout the year, was invited to the Mexican National Surfing Games where she won a silver and bronze medal and qualified for the World Surfing Games





silver and bronze medal and qualified for the World Surfing Games in 2020.

the beach, and said life in Mexico is a fun

experience for her.
"When I'm in Mexico I usually wake up and go surf, then do some school work and go surf again," she told the Echo. "Some evenings we have Jujitsu or dance or pottery classes, then we usually have dinner and a fire, I play the ukulele and go to bed. The weekends are the only days my friends don't go to school so we are usually in the ocean all day.'

Moana Luna said that her entry in local surf contests led to a spot on the state surf can National Surfing Games held Nov. 1 to 9 in Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca. Having the chance to compete on a different beach alongside girls her own age who surf was exciting, as was the opportunity to further work toward her goal of becoming a professional surfer.

"It was super important to me that I got chosen to go to the contest because if I do good I could secure my spot for the World Games of Surfing, the PanAm Surfing Games and that could take me to the Olympics, and on the path of becoming a professional surfer," she wrote.

Moana Luna said during competitions, she surfed different waves in heats with only three other people in the water at the same time, making friends throughout the event, which she appreciated, and also placed - taking second place in the girls under 16 shortboard division and third place in the girls under 14 shortboard division. She also made it to the semifinals for women's open longboard.

Because Moana Luna earned a spot in the finals in the nationals, she qualifies for the World Surfing Games in 2020, and also to a qualifying contest for the Olympics. She said she was also invited to Mexi Log Fest, an invitational longboard contest happening next spring in Punta Mita. "I am doing many little contests to keep my competitive skills sharp," she said.

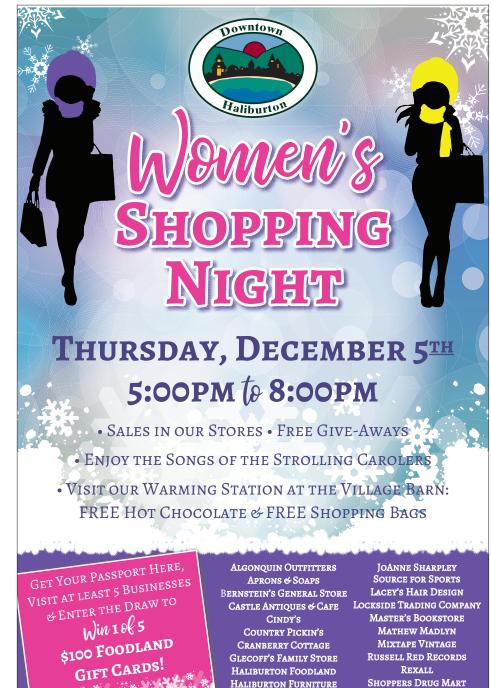
As she works toward her goal, Moana Luna enjoys the life she is living in the

"Every time I go surfing it's different, but I mostly feel relaxed and very happy, just being in the ocean makes me happy, she said. "I can't really explain what it's like, it's like nothing else. It's surfing.'

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Santa comes to town

Onlookers wave to Santa at the Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 22 in downtown Haliburton. The star of the show, Santa didn't disappoint, with his fully illuminated sleigh led by trusty reindeer. /JENN WATT Staff



Dancers from the Haliburton Dance Academy gave the parade an extra jolt of energy.





Embracing this year's parade theme, Peace on Earth, the Community Living participants laughed and waved to the crowd on Friday night.

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More control needed on garbage: Smith

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will be trucked out, in 2020. Similar decisions will soon need to be made about West Guilford's facility.

"There's going to be a ripple effect for outlying areas after that," Camelon said.

It was recommended that Jp2g Consultants be approached to give a quote on creating the report and that a workshop take place involving all councillors where the future of waste disposal can be fleshed

"I don't think it's going to be too daunting of a task for him [the consultant] to provide three or four different options of what we could do with our sites," Camelon said.

Councillor John Smith, who is chair of the committee, said that changes need to happen soon and pointed out that there aren't many controls on the volumes of recyclables and waste businesses are dumping.

"It's urgent because we're going to face ever-increasing costs and the likelihood

that whether it's [a local waste collector] or somebody else, or it's existing users who are bringing too much stuff to our landfill sites, we've got to find some ways of making that go away or making them pay the freight. Because right now it's a quarter million dollars on our residential taxpayers," Smith said.

Earlier in the meeting, bids for Dysart's Blue Box content were presented showing estimated annual costs of \$238,222 for 2020, if council follows staff recommendations to contract Mid Ontario Disposal.

"Every community is filled with landfill sites that opened shortly after the Second World War, and they're full or ... almost full," Smith said. "There's been very few ones have been opened in recent years and consequently, the landfill capacity in terms of public facilities is very limited."

He said that this past summer, a hauler was hired at Kennisis Lake, which took waste to a private landfill in Chatham, more than 500 kilometres away.

"Something's got to give," said Smith.

Tire collection likely to cease at Dysart landfills

JENN WATT

Editor

Residents with old tires to dispose of will no longer be able to bring them to the landfills in Dysart et al after June 1, 2020, if council passes a resolution recommended by the environment and climate change committee.

On Nov. 20, the committee heard from environmental co-ordinator Mallory Bishop about the new producer responsibility rules that specify that used tires be accepted, free of charge, at registered col-

In Dysart et al, those sites include Shamrock Service Centre, Haliburton Auto, County Automotive, West Guilford Towing and Recovery, West Guilford Auto Centre, and Curry Chevrolet.

"As the dust has settled and as I've been talking to other waste management staff from across Ontario, no one's getting payment from taking in and storing tires," Bishop told committee members.

Although Dysart et al is receiving no payment for the tires it collects, there are still costs and logistical burdens to the municipality in storing them, which means that taxpayers are in effect subsidizing tire disposal, which is supposed to now be the producer's responsibility.

"For us to continue to subsidize that process to me doesn't make any sense," said Councillor John Smith, who is chair of the committee.

Bishop said that in her conversations with other municipalities around Ontario, she encountered some that continue to offer tire collection service.

"They want to provide the service to the residents, which is absolutely fair, but they also have to consider that the taxpayer is still paying for the service that's supposed to be entirely producer responsibility," she said

Through the Used Tire Program between 2009 and 2018, 22,002 tires were diverted by the Municipality of Dysart et al. In 2019, Bishop's report states 1,413 tires were collected at the Harcourt and Haliburton landfills. Most were passenger and light truck tires.

"My advice under this [discussion item] would be to stop collecting tires, but to give a grace period where we inform residents that in the future we're going to stop collecting tires," Bishop said.

Councillor Larry Clarke was hesitant to support the resolution, saying that rejecting tires would likely lead people to dump them in ditches around the countryside. He wanted to wait for a consultant's report on waste management to see what was recommended before moving forward.

However, the rest of the committee was in favour and voted to support the motion, which will be presented to Dysart et al council for a final vote before being put in place.

Savage to be sentenced in December

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in connection with the death of Palmer, who was 47 at the time of his death.

Palmer was last seen on Oct. 2, 2015 on video surveillance stopping at a gas station on Hwy 36 outside of Pontypool and his Honda Accord was recovered on Oct. 14 near Spruce Lake Trail in Haliburton.

According to Rebecca Griffin, assistant Crown attorney, the Crown's theory was that Savage and Palmer were known to each other, and that an outstanding debt

was causing conflict.

"As a result of this conflict, William Savage lured David Palmer to a remote location in Haliburton promising to repay part of the debt with a marijuana crop," she wrote to the *Echo*. "There was no crop, it was a ruse." She said Savage had hidden a firearm at the site, which he used to shoot and kill Palmer.

Savage will be sentenced on Dec. 3 in Lindsay, according to the Peterborough Examiner.





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Meet your mayor

OMMUNITY CENTRES and public institutions are frequently packed with civic-minded folks when municipal all-candidates meetings are hosted in Haliburton County. People come out en masse to hear from those seeking office, and seem particularly passionate about the municipal representatives – those who are the most accessible and immediate to the daily lives of residents.

But after the commotion of the election subsides, it's uncommon to have another opportunity to sit

face-to-face with those who are representing you. In particular, it's rare to have a chance to talk to them in the early days of the term, when some decisions have been made, but there is still much more to come.

It's impressive to see that at Dysart et al, the mayor and deputy mayor will be welcoming the public into council chambers for a town hall

meeting, presenting an overview of what they've been up to and offering attendees a chance to ask questions and give feedback.

Members of the public are always welcome at council meetings, but because meetings are during the daytime, when most people work, and since you're not allowed to speak unless you've registered as a delegation, they're not ideal for the kind of back and forth that make town hall meetings fruitful.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy will be hosting the town hall from 2 to 4 p.m. at council chambers.

If you've got an issue that you think needs addressing or you're just edy.

curious about who represents your interests locally and beyond, it's worth attending.

Dental work

Kudos to the provincial government for introducing a dental program for low-income seniors. For those with a net income of \$19,300, or couples with an income of \$32,300, coverage is available for checkups, X-rays, and treatment of conditions and diseases.

Dental work can be expensive, especially for those on fixed

incomes. The health unit estimates that within its region, which includes City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland as well as Haliburton County, as many as 4,000 seniors will benefit from the program, which will be administered in partnership with Volunteer Dental Outreach in Haliburton.

This will also alleviate pressure on hospitals, which provide emer-

gency services to those who may not have had the means to keep up regular visits to the dentist.

Hopefully, over time the income limits can be raised to include more seniors who are struggling to pay their bills and still maintain their overall health.

A note on last week's accident

Our hearts go out to everyone who was involved in the accident last week on Highway 118. No one should ever have to endure such loss and trauma. We thank the first responders who responded to the call, working into the night and all of those who have supported the families and friends affected by this trag-



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Milkweed pod by Darren Lum

Faith in the small

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THE YOGIS have always said "there are causes and conditions for everything. Some people are born naturally flexible, some are born with tight hamstrings, some inherited certain body types from their grandparents and some have injuries that have caused short- or long-term limitations." The yogis then go on to say that it doesn't matter what the causes or conditions are, it's how we work them that matter.

Everything is welcome in the yoga practice. Everybody is welcome. We work with whatever the conditions are. If you can breathe you can do yoga. I've said this over and over in my classes over the years. However, several times in my career I have learned that it is one thing to say something, it is another thing to practice it.

I was born naturally flexible. I have

been active my whole life, and have been teaching and practising yoga for over 20 years. I easily could do every yoga posture that involved the shoulders, arms, neck and rib cage. I just did the poses and took them for granted. Thave also practised qigong for the same amount of time and it is mostly gently upper body work. I feel like I did all the right things to maintain my upper body strength and flexibility. So when I developed frozen shoulder in my left shoulder three years ago I was surprised, a bit angry and frustrated.

I went to a physiotherapist who told me to keep moving it and doing what I am doing in my yoga and qigong. And of course gave me some specific exercises. Within a year it started to heal and I got my range of motion back. And then the second shoulder started to freeze. This time it was much more painful and the range of motion was even smaller. I couldn't do a downward facing dog for probably eight months. I couldn't internally rotate my shoulder at all. I had no strength.

I admit that I was discouraged and thought I might have to give up

teaching. I couldn't do any traditional yoga poses that involved my arms.

After a short time of self pity and discouragement, I started to do some research. The frozen shoulder became the teacher. I started to learn lots of new ways and variations of poses to start working on my shoulder mobility and power. My students followed me on the journey and

we've played so many new variations of old poses. My teaching of yoga has totally evolved.

Early on in my healing journey I read a quote by Mother Teresa and she said "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." For more than two years I have stuck to that philosophy and worked with small variations of old poses. I am happy to say I am happily doing the downward facing dog again, and have gained almost full range of motion. In addition to a physiotherapist, I was also supported by my doctor, chiropractor, massage therapist, osteopath and friends! It takes a community to heal! And we all must keep moving!

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Pitfalls

THERE ARE many large and important questions that have plagued the great minds of this world since time immemorial.

As you might suspect, none of those questions has ever occurred to me.

This weekend, however, during the planned eight-hour Hydro blackout, my mind did spend a lot of time pondering a question that has even eluded the intellectuals.

What is better? Olives with or without pits?

Frankly, there is no easy answer.

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I am told by purists that olives with pits taste better. I suspect that in this case, a purist is defined as someone who has not yet bit into an olive pit.

I have tasted plenty of olive pits, however, and as a result I happen to prefer my olives without pits. Despite this I will concede there are times when it is not only best, but appropriate, to buy olives with pits.

I'll start with the obvious. Olives with pits in them are a good thing to eat just before you enter into any bare knuck-

les boxing match.

As we all know, just before round one, you eat seven or eight of them and then keep the pits in your mouth. Then, as soon as the fight starts, let your opponent punch you in the mouth.

At this point – and here's the tricky part – it's best not to swallow the olive pits. Instead, spit them out at your opponent's feet and then smile.

There is nothing more intimidating for a bare knuckle boxer than to see his opponent smile after they spit out what looks like seven

or eight rotten teeth. That's when you give him the old one-

Even if that doesn't fool him, at least it gives you a better idea of how tough an opponent you are dealing with -

especially if you spit out more than seven or eight olive pits.

There are other equally good reasons for choosing olives with pits. Any food fights without the no-spit rule immediately comes to mind.

As you can see, these are compelling reasons.

In fact, my only real reason for preferring olives that have had their pits removed is a moral one. I worry about those folks who make their livelihood in the olive pit removal

I don't know much, or in fact anything, about this profession, but I do envision it like any Old World trade. It is probably a dying art that is practised by craftsmen who have come from a long line of craftsmen before them.

I envision a European olive pitter eyeing each olive through a jeweler's loop and using the same olive pit retractors and tweezers that have been used in his family for generations. I could be wrong, but I also imagine some sort of Old World pride in craftsmanship that elevates the removal of an olive pit to a high art form that cannot and will not be

After the pit is removed and inspected for quality, the olive might even be passed along to his brother who learned the trade of inserting pimentos from his mother's side of the family. And again, the handiwork will be second

Together, unless I am completely delusional, both craftsmen will turn out two or three good olives a day. And they will be a joy to behold and eat.

Which is to say, if you eat olives with pits, you contribute to the demise of this – let's call it for what it is – art form.

And for what, I ask you? Just to gain an edge in a bare knuckle boxing match? Or a food fight?

Well, that's just pitiful.



pic of the past

lhis week's Pic of the Past is of the Stewart post office. Formerly on the north side of Highland Street in Haliburton, the Charles R. Stewart building is on the left, which housed various businesses at different times including a tavern, and post office. The office on the right was that of Alexander Niven. According to Haliburton: A History in Pictures, in which you can find this image, the figures in front are an Indigenous family, wearing traditional garments.

letters to the editor

Lessons from the outage

To the Editor,

I am pleased to report, that after six days, Hydro One did call me back concerning the upgrade project schedule for Sunday, Nov. 24 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Subsequently, I have spoken with three Hydro One employees. The results of these conversations are as follows:

The last gentleman with whom I spoke, was genuinely sympathetic, empathetic, concerned and grateful for the feedback I had given in my Letter to the Editor, (Haliburton Echo, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019). I was assured that the work would be completed in the allotted eight hours, if not sooner. A workforce of 100 personnel has been assigned, barring any unforeseen weather or outage emergencies. In these instances, the workforce would have to be re-assigned, and this planned outage re-scheduled.

Should there be any issues with burst pipes, I was advised to contact my insurance company, who would then contact Hydro One. Arrangements would then be dealt with in this way.

The Hydro One employee told me that organizing this large of a workforce in the summer months is not viable or possible, as these workers also have families and summer vacations. He admitted that, although this project has been planned for some months, he agreed that he was not aware of the "ripple effect" the prolonged outage, at the end of November would have on our community, regarding events planned a year in advance, nor the impact on our aging population and "shut-ins" regarding our lack of "warming centres" for those in need, and so on.

Despite consultations last week, with the hospital and some members of council, he agreed that more consultation - well in advance of major project planning, is well advised. He will be forwarding this recommendation to his superiors, in order to ensure that the specific needs of a community are fully taken into consideration, before embarking on community-wide outages in the future. (11,600+ Hydro clients were affected on Sunday). He was also surprised to learn that many residents had not received the "robo-call," when their immediate neighbours had. He agreed that this was another area which would require improvement in communication with all parties involved.

Overall, I found his reception to the concerns raised, and his responses to them, to be open and fair. I felt it important to thank the members of our community for their positive responses to my letter, and to let them know that we have been heard, by those who continue to make these important decisions on our behalf.

> Cheryl Cohoon Haliburton

Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to jenn@haliburtonpress.com



Public discussion on addictions and traumatic loss this Thursday

JENN WATT

Editor

The community is invited to a discussion on substance abuse and dealing with traumatic loss and grief on Thursday, Nov. 28, sponsored by the Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee of Haliburton County.

One of two sessions held during the day, the discussion called Peace Together will be facilitated by traumatic grief specialist Yvette Perreault. The Haliburton,

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[Peace Together will address] the impact of addictions/substance use disorder in Haliburton, what can be done to improve the situation and how to deal with grief and loss.

Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy will also be screening a short film on the opioid crisis.

"What I think service providers are beginning to recognize is the mental and emotional toll the overdose crisis or opioid related events have had on the wider community, whether they be friends, family or even front-line service providers working with folks in the county," said Megan Deyman, co-ordinator for the drug strategy.

Earlier in the day, front-line workers will be attending a three-hour workshop, also facilitated by Perrault, about better understanding and responding to traumatic loss.

Peace Together will address "the impact of addictions/substance use disorder in Haliburton, what can be done to improve the situation, and how to deal with grief and loss," the poster for the event reads.

Deyman said the whole community is invited to the event and would benefit from getting to know the issues better.

Peace Together is a two-hour event on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Lakeside Church in Haliburton. Doors open at 5 p.m. and there will be a light supper provided. The event is free. RSVP to 1-800-461-8953 ext. 27 or email haliburtonhsjcc@gmail.com.



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Chiropractor makes easy adjustment to Haliburton

JENN WATT

Editor

Since opening the Complete Spine Care Clinic in Haliburton this September, chiropractor Travis Bissonette said work hasn't felt much like work at all.

"That's how you know you're doing something you love," said Bissonette from his new location at the corner of Maple Avenue and Victoria Street in town.

He recently graduated from Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, where he was trained in anatomy, physiology and biomechanics. Before his four years there, he completed an undergraduate degree in physical and health education at Nipissing University.

"I chose Haliburton for a variety of personal and professional reasons. Personally, I'm originally from Bracebridge, so I like the small town feel of Haliburton and the natural beauty of Haliburton - it's great. I love all the outdoor activities that are available here," he said. "Professionally, I saw the need for an evidence-based chiropractic office. As the population is growing and the population is aging, there comes more of a need for services like chiropractic."

Bissonette said evidence-based care "is guided by the best available scientific research, the health-care practitioner's experience, and, importantly, the patient's values and preferences. For example, some people may be afraid of receiving acupuncture, but even if I believe it will benefit them, I take that preference into account and I would recommend other options instead. It's a style of health care that really takes into account the patients' wants and needs rather than the treat-



ment being completely about the doctor."

An interest in chiropractic care emerged when he was 13, after a trip to the chiropractor for elbow pain. Bissonette said he hadn't been able to find anyone who could help him figure out what was wrong, but treatment from the chiropractor did the trick.

"They really sat down with me, talked me through everything and developed a treatment plan that actually helped and

Complete Spine Care Clinic at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton in September. The chiropractor said he's had a warm reception from the community and is looking forward to helping people reduce pain and discomfort and improve their health. Appointments can be booked online at completespinecareclinic. com or by phone 705-205-1685. /JENN WATT

so, shoulder pain, hip pain, knee pain, arthritis, sprains and strains," he said. Travis Bissonette opened 'For every new patient, I take a detailed

history where we chat about what's going on and what your goals are for treatment. Then, I do a physical exam to help identify the cause of the problem. Finally, I talk with my patients about the diagnosis and what can be done to help them. Often that involves a combination of manipulation, soft-tissue work for the muscles, acupuncture, and exercise. Other times, if I find the problem is not something that can respond to chiropractic care, I would refer the patient to a health-care practitioner that can help such as a family physician," he said.

If a patient wants to keep their doctor in the loop, Bissonette said he will send a letter to them with detailed diagnosis and

One of the most common misperceptions about chiropractic practice is why adjustments create a cracking sound.

"The cracking noise you hear during a manipulation is just gas bubbles in the joint forming when a joint is opened up. It's not the bones cracking or anything like that and it's usually painless," Bissonette said. "It provides a good stretch to the muscles around the joint and gets you moving better and therefore feeling

Complete Spine Care Clinic is located at 49 Maple Avenue in Haliburton on the second floor. It's open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. By appoint-

You can contact Bissonette at 705-205-1685 or go to completespinecareclinic.com to book an appointment. The clinic is also on Facebook and Instagram.

after that, I got interested in chiropractic and started researching the profession and found out that, hey, this is something I want to do for the rest of my life," he

So far, the most common ailment Bissonette has seen is back pain followed by neck pain and headaches. However, he points out that chiropractors can treat much more than spine-related issues.

"They really treat all areas of the body,





I'm hibernating, don'tcha know

THAT'S WHAT ol' Maybelle is doing, just like my pet bear, Bogart. I'm hibernating, don'tcha know. Sure enough, the cold weather snuck up on us, feels more like ambushed us and brought snow along for company. Well, it's way too early for those shenani-gans if you ask me. And it seems everyone here in Lake WhaddayathinkImean feels the same way. Except, of course,

some folks who are just raring to dust off their snowshoes and skis and dive into it all. I'll save the diving for the lake, when it's UNfrozen, don'tcha know.

Now, some of my friends are aiming to

fly south this winter, Twindle Mumbly among them. And that's not at all like Twindle. Why that man gets a nose bleed just driving south

Maybelle's

of Lindsay. Oh,

he's a real dug-in homebody. But, after falling on ice twice last winter and, again, just the other day, that man's head is so full of stitches, you'd think he was a patchwork quilt. Now, not only does he walk around with cleats on the bottoms of his winter boots when he's outside ... Twindle wears them

inside like slippers.
Lucky for him, his younger sister,
Alvira Ruth, has a real nice home in Florida and has been itching to have him visit. So, off he'll go for several months, leaving the rest of us – Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yuccch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes, and ol' Maybelle to wear 10 pounds of winter outer, inner, and underwear ... heavy boots, cleats, hats, mitts, scarves ... and to shovel our walkways, scrape ice off our car windshields ... and spend way too much money on wood, oil, and hydro to keep our houses from turning into igloos. Oh, I could go on, but complaining is so unattractive and ol' Maybelle needs all the help I can get, don'tcha know.

Besides, I've found my silver lining. Yes, I have. Winter's not all bad. Why hibernating can be a beautiful thing when you learn to appreciate its value. And for me, it's about pulling back on the reins. Taking it easier. Listening instead of being so busy in the world that I don't have time to process everything I take in – mentally, emotionally, and physically. And that includes expending energy, a lot of it social, don'tcha know.

So, what does ol' Maybelle mean by listening?

Listening to my own inner thoughts and feelings about whatever comes up for me when I sit quietly without the television or radio or internet filling up my mind with more "stuff." When a book I am reading is put aside. When I just sit quietly in a comfortable chair and close my eyes, making sure my telephone is turned off so it can't jolt me, don'tcha

You see, during the warmer months, I'm so busy tending to my garden, swimming in the lake, hosting out-of-town guests, volunteering, socializing with friends, going to special community events and farmers' markets in the county that I don't take the time to process any of it. And what I'm referring to as "it" is everything I see, hear, feel, discuss, and ques-

I think of my busy mind like an old cassette. Remember cassettes? You could record over them many times. And, when you kept doing that over and over, eventually there was bleed-through. That's what my young recording engineer friend, Morris Emmory, calls it. And when there's bleed-through, you hear layers of sounds run into each another, like wet watercolours on paper. Or when you turn a knob on a radio and hear the static of multiple stations at once.

So, my silver lining is ... the clarity and peace of mind that sitting quietly gives me. Oh, sure, I don't have to wait 'til win-



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Students from Ms. Zahab's Grade 2/3 class delivered cookies in downtown Haliburton as part of Kindness Awareness Week at Stuart Baker Elementary School. One of the businesses they visited was Pet Valu. /Submitted



The students stopped in the Haliburton Echo office and gave a cookie to publisher David Zilstra. /JENN WATT Staff

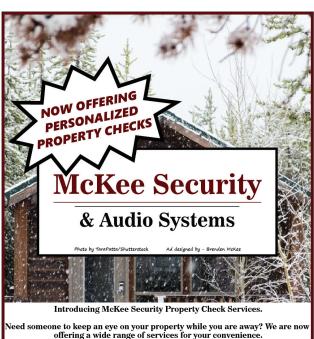
Take a few minutes for peaceful calm

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ter to do that. But, now that it's here and I don't feel like I'll be missing out on playing outside 'til dark ... and now that it's ever-so quiet without the sounds of motor boats and such pulling my attention, it feels like a big warm hug. And I'll tell you, after sitting quietly for 20 minutes or more, I open my eyes and feel like I've just taken a shower ... on the inside of myself. I feel relaxed, peaceful, and ready to yap again with my good friends, don'tcha know.

P.S. I wasn't kidding about Twindle falling several times on ice. So, PLEASE, dear reader – get yourself a pair of grippers or cleats or whatever you choose to call them, and wear them every time you step outside of your house. You'll be ever so glad you did.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," is available at amazon.com



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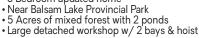
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Sir Cedric Bridlington III, portrayed by Peter Jaycock, and Penelope, portrayed by Victoria Bingham, assisted Dame Beatrice in co-hosting.



Brigitte Gall gets a laugh out of Dame Beatrice, portrayed



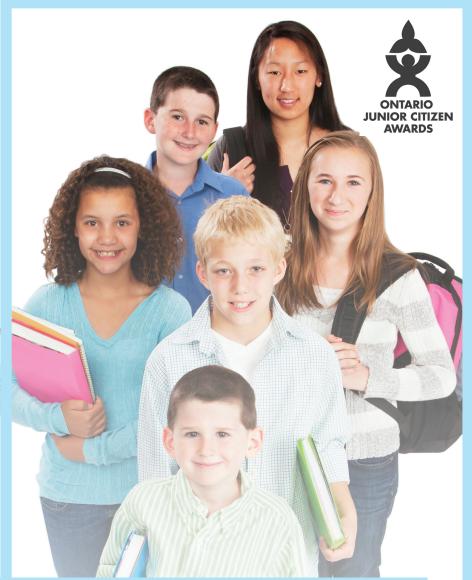
The Salt Cellars close the first act at the sixth annual Highlands Christmas Shindig.



Dame Beatrice, portrayed by Mike Jaycock, addresses the full house at the Highlands Christmas Shindig on Nov. 23 alongside Joanne Barnes, founder and manager of Fuel for Warmth, and Santa Claus, portrayed by Lorne McNeil, Fuel for Warmth treasurer. The annual fundraiser show raised a total of \$30,450 (more was added after the cheque presentation) that night, bringing the total raised by the event for Fuel for Warmth to more than \$120,000 in six years.

A selfie is taken on the stage of Sir Cedric Bridlington III, portrayed by Peter Jaycock, Dame Beatrice, portrayed by Mike Jaycock, and Penelope, portrayed by Victoria Bingham, in front of the full house.





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Green burial society to meet this week

The founding meeting for a new green burial advocacy and educational group called the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society will take place at the Haliburton United Church, on Nov. 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The HHGBS has grown out of the Envi-

Moore Memorial Green Burial Initiative, and a Green Burial Working Group created to use the funds donated in Kyle's honour to stimulate the creation of yearround green burial options here in the Haliburton Highlands. More than 60 individuals have donated almost \$5,000 to this initiative to date.

"Green Burial" refers to after-death practices that view the human body as having important positive impacts on cemetery and surrounding ecosystems provided the body is returned to the soil without the use of embalming chemicals, non-biodegradable caskets, as well as concrete or metal burial vaults.

"The carbon and other environmental footprints of current burial practices, including cremation, are large and growing, and we want to help create greener options for those wishing to extend their environmental stewardship after they die," says Terry Moore, the chair of Environment Haliburton's Green Burial Work-

About 70 per cent of deaths in Haliburton County result in out-of-county cremation in part due to the fact that all local township bylaws currently prohibit winter burials, green or otherwise, in municipally-run cemeteries from November until May, or half the entire year," Moore

Moore's son, Kyle aged 36, died earlier this year on Feb. 21 but he was not allowed to be buried until May 10. Moore says putting grieving families through such an extended wait is not something that he wants to see any other families

The Green Burial Working Group has been working with the four townships to encourage the creation of green burial sections within established cemeteries and to reconsider their current ban on winter

All interested members of the public are invited to attend the founding meeting of the HHGBS and consider becoming a member. The annual membership fee is

Topics to be covered at the meeting include: green burial basics and more; visualizing green burial and green cemeteries; progress toward green burial in the county to date; and why people should consider becoming a Society member.

Mark Richardson, a board member with the Green Burial Society of Canada and manager of cemetery services for the City of Niagara Falls, will be one of the main speakers.

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O Christmas tree

The town tree was lit at precisely 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, ahead of the Santa Claus Parade. Gord Kidd and Friends performed Christmas music and spectators sang along, sipping hot chocolate. /JENN WATT Staff



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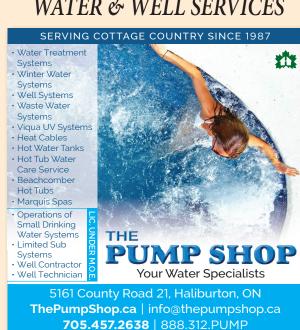
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P.A. Day Crafts & Games

When: Nov. 28, 1 to 3 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum, 66 Museum Road Join us to make crafts and play some fun games. Ages 6-10, Free. Please pre-register. Contact Kate Butler at 705-457-2760 or kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.

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Where: Haliburton Legion

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When: Friday Nov. 29, starting at 11:30 a.m. Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, Minden, Lower Level

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When: Sunday Dec. 1 at 3 p.m, Tuesday Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Haliburton Tickets: \$15 General Admission. Available from Choir members, Cranberry Cottage or Minden Pharmasave For tickets or information contact us at 705-457-4916

Christmas in The Highlands

When: Wed. Dec. 4, 2 p.m.

Where: Highland Hills United Church, Minden. Come and celebrate the joy of the Christmas season Donations to the Minden Food Bank most appreciated. All are welcome!

Kinmount Christmas Tree Lighting

When: Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. Where: Kinmount Railway Station

Carol singing, pictures with Santa, refreshments

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Open House and Enviro-Hero Awards

When: Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 from 1 to 4 p.m. Where: HHLT Office, 739 Mountain St. Haliburton Join us in thanking our volunteers, say hello to friends and enjoy a treat. Enviro-Hero Awards will take place at 2 p.m.

Children's Christmas Gift Sale

When: Friday Dec. 6, 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.

Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave,

Nothing cost more than \$1. Children come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family & friends. We will help the children shop, wrap and tag the gifts, they will be ready to take home and put under the tree.

Rural Rogues on the Road

KATE BUTLER

Special to the Echo

It's been said that theatre is a team sport. Everyone on the team has a role to play from the director to the actors and the stage crew to the costumers. In the world of community theatre, the team is most often found on their home stage, but what happens when they have to perform somewhere new?

On the weekend on Nov. 8-10, Rural Rogues Productions found out, when its members took part in the Eastern Ontario Drama League's One Act Play Festival in Perth. For some readers, the festival might sound familiar, as in 2015, Highlands Little Theatre hosted the festival in Haliburton. HLT has taken plays to the festival in recent years in both Perth and Constance Bay, but this was the first time Rural Rogues participated.

The festival brings together theatre companies from all across the region, with eight different companies presenting nine plays this time. It's an intense weekend of theatre with three plays being presented on the Friday evening, three on the Saturday afternoon and three on the Saturday evening.

Rural Rogues is a theatre group with a mandate to perform original works rooted in the history, culture and landscape of Haliburton County, and the troupe can most often be found performing outdoors on the grounds of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

This past summer, we featured the work of four local playwrights and asked our audience to vote for which one should go to the festival - the resounding winner was *This Is Our Home* by Sue Vorvis, a play which tells the story of a couple planning their dream retirement home by reviewing the adventures they had over a summer of visits by friends and family.

As Rural Rogues is more used to performing outdoors, transplanting one of our shows to a traditional theatre space was a new adventure for us. Suddenly we had a stage with curtains, a sound system that didn't have to run off batteries and a lighting system that wasn't a question of the behaviour of the sun and

Even though we were provided with a great deal of background information by the host theatre, we know that some decisions would need to be made at the last minute, so we needed a tight-knit adaptable team. Roles needed to be swapped due to schedules and new duties, but before long were ready to roll with a cast of six made up of Lauren Forbes, John Jackson, Rita Jackson, Hannah Sadlier, Paul Vorvis and myself, playing a total of 17 characters. We were accompanied to Perth by a crew of three (Amy Brohm, Greg Sadlier and Sue Vorvis) and our director, Michael Clipperton.



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NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING 2020 BUDGET PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2020 Budget. The Municipality has also set the following dates (if required) to review the 2020 Budget:

January 10, 2020 and February 14, 2020

Dated this 26th day of November, 2019

Cheryl Coulson, Clerk ccoulson@dysartetal.ca



For some in team, this was their first time taking part in a festival, while others were "veterans." Festival work involves its own pressures - not just a new theatre, but tight time limits and adjudication. As part of the festival program, each group receives very particular time limits – time to load in sets and props (for us, 7:30 in the morning!) and one hour of rehearsal time in the theatre (during which, our tech crew needed to finalize our lighting plans). Each team is also timed with regard

to how long it takes to put up and take down their set.
We hit the stage at about 9:30 on Saturday evening, fueled by copious amounts of caffeine and sugar, not to mention adrenaline! It seemed as if the 35 minute play was done in an instant, a blur of entrances, exits and high-speed costume changes. After striking our set, we waited to hear the adjudicator's comments.

The adjudicator for this year's festival was Annette Procunier, who in addition to being well-known in the theatre world, has also written the only handbook on adjudication, Do You See What I See? Festival adjudication was brand-new for some in our team, and as our director noted "the cast and crew of a production can be quite nervous about the process," but that "[i]n its best form, the adjudication should be a conversation about the choices that were made.'

Procunier praised the play, saying that she could relate to experiences of the main characters. There can be no doubt that the work of festival adjudication must present challenges, taking in information about so many diverse plays.

At this year's festival, there were new works by emerging playwrights and pieces by more established writers, as well as moments of both comedy and drama. In particular, the play presented just before ours by Peterborough Theatre Guild was a rather dark drama which addressed some very serious issues, and was thus extremely different from the comedy we presented. Our whole team agreed, however, that Procunier gave constructive feedback which they found valuable, and she did so without any notes. (We don't know how she does it either!)

The festival was capped off with an awards brunch the Tony Awards of the Eastern Ontario Drama League! We were absolutely delighted that Rogues member, Rita Jackson, was nominated for the Pauline Grant Award for Acting for her role as Laura.

Fortified with good food and lots of laughter, we prepared to make our way back to Haliburton. Though it had been a crazy weekend and everyone was looking forward to a little downtime, spirits were high. On the way back we chatted about lessons learned and good choices made, such as our decision to bring what was easily the most minimalist set in the festival. Some of us had learned the hard way in other years trying to take

large pieces of furniture up narrow staircases!

There can be no doubt that each festival is a learning process, but each time we do it, we get better at it. So, not surprisingly, when I asked my fellow Rogues if they'd do it again, the answer from everyone was a resounding yes. We might just be reporting from EODL 2020 in Kemptville, but in the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for the theatrical exploits of Rural Rogues around your community!

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Red Hawks looking to be a contender

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Even though the Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball team lost a core group of players from its Central Ontario Secondary School Associations championship finalist team, head coach Steve Smith isn't lowering expectations this year.

Last year's team, which was coached by Dan Gimon, were a match shy of an all-provincial final berth, losing to Quinte Christian High School Eagles 0-3. The second place finish was a brilliant silver lining to the season that ended with a loss.

Smith believes in the players on the team this year and isn't even hinting at anything else but a return to being among the top again.

"It doesn't change. It doesn't change," he said. "I put it out there in front of them like a carrot and just said, 'This is where I hope to be and you guys need to work

He added when the Hawks walk into an opposing school's gym that the other team expects a competitive game. Any loss will be by two points rather than 10 or 12, he said.

"That's how competitive they want to be this year so they have agreed to that sort of game plan that we have. So they're working towards it.'

The team is preparing for the season by working on the fundamentals in the pre-season, Smith said.

Continuity is a strength of the program and will help players moving up from junior.

Smith said the program's system of play hasn't changed for the past decade, which is the five-one – one setter with five hitters.

This year's team will feature two liberos (one being Ruthie Parker) and a defensive specialist. Alyssa Bogardis is expected to be the specialist, but will also be super utility player, who will be used at four spots (setting, libero, defence and serving). Although two liberos can't be on the floor at once, a defensive specialist can share the floor with a libero.

Although the team had lost power players Dakota



Senior volleyball players Skye Lambshead, left, and Rebecca Archibald touch hands during a bumping drill while head coach Steve Smith, at back, monitors the time at a pre-season practice on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Smith leads the seniors, taking over from last year's coach Dan Gimon./DARREN LUM Staff

MacDonald and Natalya Gimon, and veteran setter Arden Harrop, the team has gained first-year senior Haley Boylan, who was the junior setter last year.

Boylan's knowledge of the system will help in the move up. Emma Casey returns as setter for her second year. Skye Lambshead and Alexius Mills were mentioned as among several to step into the power position.

For the next two years Smith will helm the seniors while Gimon will coach the juniors.

The team's first league action will be on the road the first week of December.

Their first home tournament won't be until the new

calendar year, which will test the organizational skills of the Hawks players, who will be forced to travel hours to

"Huge difference is the girls have to be prepared academically as well as physically. So the demands on them are a little more academically than physically, but it just means it's a longer day so all the ones we go to are tournaments. So it's a long day. They've got to be mentally prepared, physically prepared and academically they have to stay on top of their homework," he said.

A tentative schedule has been made, but nothing has been confirmed.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

DATE:

Wednesday, December 11th, 2019

Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- 1. D13-MV-2019-021 2306544 Ontario Ltd.
 - The following variances are requested to permit construction of a boat storage on a lot in the CH zone:
 - a) A variance to the provisions of Section 7.2 to permit a boat storage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 6.7 metres (21.98) feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet);
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 - Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 8, Parts 1 and 4, Plan 19R7186, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (5122 County Road 21 - Grass Lake).

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> Jeff Iles Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



Red Hawks saddle Mustangs with loss

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Coming into the game against the Crestwood Mustangs on Tuesday, Nov. 19, the Hawks didn't expect anything close to the 7-0 blowout had left fans leaving the A.J. LaRue Arena with smiles.

Head coach Jason Morissette was happy for his team,



Red Hawks player Billy Walker charges to the net next to Crestwood Mustangs player Dawson McFadden during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Hawks goalie Carson Sisson earned the shutout while Reese Casey scored the game-winner in the 7-0 win./DARREN LUM Staff

who he said deserved it for their hard work.

"You know our guys, yeah, the score went higher

than I expected. They did too. They were pleasantly surprised, but they worked hard," he said. "They're happy. They worked hard and they didn't come out here expecting to light it up. Right off the bat, we did well, but we didn't really until the second half of the game until we started pushing more of those goals."

Morissette said the team was employing a 1-2-2 trap. It wasn't until the Hawks were up four goals when additional scoring opportunities became available, as the Mustangs needed to take chances by sending more players deep in the offensive zone, leaving them open for counterattacks.

The buy-out for the school seemed to contribute to the near full house, which included family and supporters. The strong support fuelled the Hawks, who dictated pace of play, moving the puck quickly (for the most part) and easily outhit their opponents. Coming into the game, Morissette said the two teams were likely to be close in competitiveness since both clubs are quite

Hawks player Reece Casey scored the first goal, which was the eventual game-winner in the blowout. Braeden Robinson added an insurance marker in the second period, followed a few minutes later by another from Casey, who finished with a pair of goals.

Goals were also scored by Desi Davies, Brendan Coumbs and Lucas Haedicke, who finished with two.

By the time the Hawks were up 3-0, close to the end of the second period, Crestwood were provided a huge opportunity to narrow the deficit, as they had a twoman advantage with a five-on-three opportunity for a little more than three minutes because of a pair of Hawks penalties, one of which was a four-minute head shot penalty. The Hawks continued to dominate and showed the great disparity between the teams even on the penalty kill.

The Hawks ended up with a shorthanded goal at the end of the game and came close for a few others. They got plenty of game action on the penalty kill as they finished with 14 minutes of penalties, compared to zero for the Mustangs.

Hawks Grade 12 goalie Carson Sisson had a solid game, earning the shutout in the win.

Morissette said his presence between the pipes is great for the team, as he not only provides a solid anchor for the defence, but brings great maturity and composure to the fledgling team.

The team was a little shorthanded for the opener.

Forward Will Craftchick, who was on the Hawks junior team last year, is out, defenceman Ben Robinson has a broken arm and is expected in two weeks while Jacob Mitchell, another defenceman, was also out of the

The team used the home opener to raise money for Heat Bank Haliburton County by collecting donations,

having a chuck-a-puck contest and raffle.

Days before the game, Tina Jackson, co-ordinator for Heat Bank Haliburton County, said, "I am thrilled that the Red Hawks hockey team is continuing to make Heat Bank their charity of choice this season! Our community is made all the stronger by having compassionate, aware and involved youth and this is a great way to blend team spirit into community spirit. We will be cheering them on!"

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Red Hawks defenceman Isaac Little looks for the loose puck, following a shot from Crestwood Mustangs forward Sam Mason, which was stopped by goalie Carson Sisson during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks easily won in a 7-0 rout of the Mustangs Sisson earned the shutout./DARREN

For the love of hockey

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This was the second year the team has chosen the Heat Bank as a recipient of fundraising effort. The team also provided a few hours of volunteering, moving, splitting (by coaches), and sorting wood. They hope to help volunteer again, but have not scheduled a day yet.

Morissette said this year's emphasis will be on devel-

opment and having fun.

"Today shows we still have lots of kids that like to play hockey. They take pride in it. They worked hard. They want to do well, but I didn't put any pressure on them and say, 'We're going out there and we're going to win.' I just said to them 'it'll be great if we can win, but if you just do your job and try your best and today's all about going out and having fun."

He pointed out it's a blessing to watch hockey,

whether it's his players or just his son.

"I think it's just a wonderful experience just to watch them play and to tell them: I just really like watching you play hockey. It's not about fancy moves or anything like that, or amazing things they're going to do .. it's more about just watching them. When you watch them play it's about seeing that they are enjoying and having fun. That sometimes gets lost when you got these super teams that are loaded with talent and you have high expectations all the time," he said.

Unlike other years, this team has fewer players on the

roster than other years, requiring to play two Grade 9s such as Gage Hutchinson on defence and forward Kyan Hall, who both played well.

Morissette liked what he saw from them and said he's going to make an effort to ensure they're in position for success

He adds even though this is a young team there is a core of veterans and senior athletes, who will be a strong and supportive influence.

Grade 12 student Isaac Little is among the older players and said the team played great.

"We stuck to the systems the coach went over in practice. And with that being our first game of the year, having a young squad, I think we played past my expectations," he said.

Strong team play and getting lots of shots on the posing goalie helped contribute to the win, he said.

Last year, Little played junior hockey, but returned to play for the high school team in his last opportunity to play for the Hawks.

"It was cool because you know everyone in the stands. You see all your friends in school. It was kind of a nice atmosphere and not being two, three hours away from home and seeing family and friends at the game and cheering us on and we're able to get a win. It was another bonus," he said.

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Thank you to Dwaine and Lori Lloyd and Susan at the Community Funeral Home for their kindness.

Also, wish to thank Community Care for their help.

Thank You to special friends Mike Smart, Gene & Warren Kirkness and all our friends & neighbours.

> Sincerely John Stokes







Is holding Auditions at Haliburton United Church on Wednesday, Nov. 27th and Thursday Nov. 28th 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

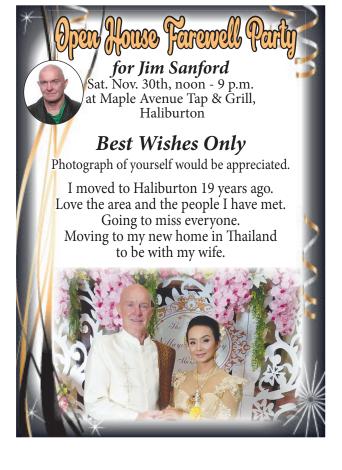
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Evelyn, beloved wife of the late Bill Killingbeck. Loving and devoted mother of Laurie Killingbeck-McGee (Greg Coyle), and Timothy Killingbeck (Janet Holt). Cherished Grandmother of Brady McGee (Kiersten), Tanner McGee, Kelsey McGee; Jake Killingbeck (Alex), Josh Killingbeck (Amber), Jayd, and Great Grandmother of Krew. Evelyn was the last surviving of her nine siblings. She will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews and former daughter-in-law Carol Holme. Special Aunt of Jody Pierson (nee Surlovich) and the late Carrie Chamberland (nee Surlovich). Special thanks to the caring staff of PRHC, especially the Doctors and Nurses on C2, for their compassion and care of Evelyn during her time with them.

In keeping with Evelyn's wishes, cremation has taken place. There will be a Private Family Graveside Service in Little Lake Cemetery. On-line condolences may be expressed at www.highlandparkfuneralcentre.com

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Night parade bewitches huge crowd

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

By all accounts, Friday night's Santa Claus parade in Haliburton - the first ever evening parade in the village's history – was a great triumph for the community.

In fact, ever since Santa waved his final goodbye, parade coordinator Jim Frost says he's been overwhelmed with positive feedback from delighted parade-goers.

"I thought it was a terrific success, and we've actually been getting calls from people telling us what a terrific thing it was for the town," he says.

But it's not just community members who are praising this year's parade. Frost also received a phone call from a member of the North Hastings

Pipe Band, who told him that it was "one of the best parades they have ever been in.

Frost says that public enthusiasm was a key factor in making the parade such an outstanding event for both those involved and those lining the sidewalks.

"The great thing was the level of community involvement. Everyone got on board and participated," he says. "We had far more businesses and groups put in entries than ever before. Everyone was talking about it for weeks, word was spreading from one group to another, and that made people want to participate."

In an impressive display of community spirit, a total of 47 entries was registered for this year's parade, including three bands, marching groups, floats,

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Donning a white tutu and sparkling tiara, sugar plum fairy Jordyn Archer gives parade-goers a taste of the Nutcracker Ballet, as well as how magical a night-time parade can be. Dancers from Haliburton's Heritage Ballet will perform the full production on December 9 and 10 at the Northern Lights Pavillon. More parade photos are on pages 9 and 10.

Highlands East decides on recount today

MARTHA PERKINS

As one of its last pieces of business, Highlands East council will vote today (November 28) whether to grant a candidate's request for a recount of the ballots in Ward 2

Basil Cox, who lost by nine votes to incumbent Suzanne Partridge, notified the municipality on Thursday that he wants a recount. Since such requests must be ratified by council, and a meeting was already scheduled for Tuesday, a special meeting was not called to deal with the issue.

Under the Elections Act, the recount must be held in exactly

the same manner as the counting of ballots on election night. Highlands East was the first and only municipality in the county to use an electronic tabulator and, if council grants the recount request, the electronic tabulator will be used the second time. The ballots cannot be counted by hand, says clerk Irene Cook.

As well, the recount cannot include the 740 ballots that were rejected by municipal staff because the ballot kits were improperly submitted. Some kits had declaration forms that weren't signed but the majority did not include a declaration form at all. It is suspected that

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STEVE GALEA

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about visiting a place and look- experiences. The most relevant quote I can think of is 'Staging experiences is not about entertaining customers, it's about engaging them.' That's exactly what tourism operators need to do to capture the market."

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